

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows

On page 1, immediately beneath the Title, please insert the following:

-- Background of the Invention

On page 1, line 1, please insert

-- Field of Invention --.

On page 1 line 7, please insert

-- Description of the Related Art --.

According to Golub et al. (Science, 1999, 286, 531-7), gene expression profiles can be used for class prediction and discriminating AML from ALL samples. However, for the analysis of acute leukemias the selection of the two different subgroups was performed using exclusively morphologic-phenotypical criteria. This was only descriptive and does not provide deeper insights into the pathogenesis or the underlying biology of the leukemia. The approach reproduces only very basic knowledge of cytomorphology and intends to differentiate classes. The data is not sufficient to predict prognostically relevant cytogenetic aberrations.

Furthermore, the international application WO-A 03/039443 discloses marker genes the expression levels of which are characteristic for certain leukemia, e.g. AML subtypes and additionally discloses methods for differentiating between the subtype of AML cells by determining the expression profile of the disclosed marker genes. However, WO-A 03/039443 does not provide guidance which set of distinct genes discriminate between two subtypes and, as such, can be routinely taken in order to distinguish one AML subtype from another.

Summary of the Invention --

On page 3, please delete lines 8 through 23

On page 3, line 25, please insert

--Detailed Description of the Invention--

On page 28, line 24, please insert the following:

-- While the foregoing invention has been described in some detail for purposes of clarity and understanding, it will be clear to one skilled in the art from a reading of this disclosure that various changes in form and detail can be made without departing from the true scope of the invention. For example, all the techniques and apparatus described above can be used in various combinations. All publications, patents, patent applications, and/or other documents cited in this application are incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes to the same extent as if each individual publication, patent, patent application, and/or other document were individually indicated to be incorporated by reference for all purposes. --